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(54) Title: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR STIMULATING BONE CELLS**(57) Abstract**

Disclosed are methods, compositions, kits and devices for use in transferring nucleic acids into bone cells *in situ* and/or for stimulating bone progenitor cells. Type II collagen and, particularly, osteotropic genes, are shown to stimulate bone progenitor cells and to promote bone growth, repair and regeneration *in vivo*. Gene transfer protocols are disclosed for use in transferring various nucleic acid materials into bone, as may be used in treating various bone-related diseases and defects including fractures, osteoporosis, osteogenesis, imperfecta and in connection with bone implants.

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2. claims 129-131
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